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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize the retirement of Romaine Bell Thomas for her 50 years of distinguished service to the District of Columbia Public Schools, and exemplary service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas was born and reared in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas was educated in the District of Columbia and attended the Miner Teachers College, the George Washington University, Temple University, New York University, Howard University, the William and Mary College and Vanderbilt University;

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas served with distinction as a classroom teacher and as a laboratory teacher for training student teachers;

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas served as the principal of the Ketcham Elementary School for over thirty years;

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas' exemplary leadership at the Ketcham Elementary School resulted in steady student improvement, participation in several local, regional and citywide activities and competitions, and an increased level of parent and community involvement;

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas was instrumental in developing meaningful partnerships for the Ketcham Elementary School with Smith College Alumnae, National Geographic, the National Park Service, the Frederick Douglass Home Site at Cedar Hill and many other groups and organizations;

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WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas' leadership has been recognized by many organizations including the National Association of Elementary School Principals ("NAESP"), the D.C. Association of Elementary School Principals, the D.C. Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, the D.C. Congress of Parents and Teachers Association, Phi Delta Kappa and extensive travel related to education; and

WHEREAS, Romaine Bell Thomas is well known for her many years of dedicated community service and activism in Ward 5 and throughout the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Romaine Bell Thomas Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Romaine Bell Thomas for the valuable contribution she has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To recognize and celebrate the renovation of the Historic Landmark Meridian Manor, and to declare June 10, 2003 as "Meridian Manor Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Meridian Manor, located at 1424 Chapin Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, is a recognized Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places;

WHEREAS, the tenants of Meridian Manor have persevered for over a decade in their struggle to improve the distressed property by winning the building from its previous owner and moving forward with co-development partners Mi Casa, Inc., and the National Housing Trust - Enterprise Development Corporation;

WHEREAS, Meridian Manor has earlier this year received greatly needed repairs and renovation;

WHEREAS, this renovation was a result of a collaborative \$2.4 million bond transaction made possible by the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the D.C. Housing Authority, the Enterprise Foundation, and Fannie Mae; and

WHEREAS, the reopening of Meridian Manor, which provides homes to families of low incomes, signifies a victory for affordable housing in Columbia Heights.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Meridian Manor Day Declaration Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the efforts of the tenants, government agencies, and others partners in restoring the historic Meridian Manor and maintaining essential affordable housing in Columbia Heights, and furthermore declares June 10, 2003 as "Meridian Manor Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To salute, recognize and honor the 50th Wedding Anniversary of David Leroy Young and Harlean Yvonne McIntosh on June 12, 2003.

WHEREAS, David Leroy Young and Harlean Yvonne McIntosh were joined together in matrimony on June 12, 1953;

WHEREAS, David Leroy Young was born in the District of Columbia, served in the U.S. Navy and was employed by the U. S. Department of the Treasury for thirty years; ,

WHEREAS, Harlean Yvonne McIntosh -Young is a second generation Washingtonian, serves as a volunteer member of the Greater Southeast Community Hospital and is a former president of the Washington Bid Whist Club;

WHEREAS, Harlean Yvonne McIntosh -Young served as a Daycare professional and homemaker throughout their marriage;

WHEREAS, David Leroy Young and Harlean Yvonne McIntosh -Young have resided at 1712 29th Street, S.E., for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, David Leroy Young and Harlean Yvonne McIntosh - Young are the proud parents of four children; David, Jacqueline, Deborah and Antoinette and three grandchildren David, Sheron and Terrance.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "David Leroy Young and Harlean Yvonne McIntosh 50th Wedding Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2003".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates David Leroy Young and Harlean Yvonne McIntosh for the valuable contribution they have made to the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize and honor Ben's Chili Bowl Restaurant on the occasion of its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, Ben's Chili Bowl was established in Washington, D.C., on August 22, 1958;

WHEREAS, Ben and Virginia Ali converted a former silent movie house and former pool hall located at 1213 U Street N.W., into Ben's Chili Bowl with a \$5,000 investment;

WHEREAS, Ben's Chili Bowl has served such notable individuals as Bill Cosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Redd Foxx, Dick Gregory, Miles Davis and Martin Luther King, Jr.;

WHEREAS, after the riots in Washington, D.C., in 1968 which followed the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., closed down much of the city, Ben's Chili Bowl remained open after curfew to provide food and a meeting place for activists, firefighters and public servants trying to restore order in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, in September 1985, Bill Cosby held a national press conference at Ben's Chili Bowl to celebrate his number-one rated television show;

WHEREAS, Ben's Chili Bowl remained open during construction along U Street N.W., of the Green Line Metro which began in 1987 and lasted five years;

WHEREAS, in August 1998, on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Ben's Chili Bowl was featured on CNN's "Headline News" as well as in other various media;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2001, Ben and Virginia Ali were inducted into the Washington, D.C., Hall of Fame under the business category;

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WHEREAS, the counter, the booths and the stools in Ben's Chili Bowl are all still original from its opening;

WHEREAS, Ben's Chili Bowl is currently at the center of a revitalized U Street NW corridor; and

WHEREAS, Ben's Chili Bowl, a long-time Washington institution and world-renowned eatery, will soon celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its opening.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ben's Chili Bowl Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Ben's Chili Bowl.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To acknowledge and celebrate the distinguished career of Luna Harrison in the nation's capital, and to declare June 13, 2003 as "Luna Harrison Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Luna Harrison decided during her childhood that a career in public service in the field of recreation was her destiny;

WHEREAS, Luna Harrison's tenure at the Department of Recreation spans 36 years and 9 months and includes service at the following centers: Watkins-Buchanan, Maury, Rosedale, Fort Stanton and Anacostia Sports and Fitness Center;

WHEREAS, Luna Harrison is a consummate professional possessing great talents and many skills acquired through her many years of hands-on learning, teaching and genuine love for the work she does;

WHEREAS, Luna Harrison managed many activities which catered to her innate ability to teach including Arts and Crafts, Field Trips, Sewing Programs, May Day Program, Square Dance, Track and Field, Cooking Classes, After School Tutoring, Softball, Basketball, Powder Puff Football and Softball;

WHEREAS, Luna Harrison coordinated the following activities during her expansive career: Punt, Pass and Kick, Dribble and Shoot, RBI Baseball, Catch the Spirit Frisbee, Citywide Cheerleading, Diamond Skills Baseball, NFL Flag Football, U.S. Youth Games, Youth Cotillion, D.C. Winter Games, NBA Jr. Wizards/Mystics, and Jabbo Kenner Youth Football; and

WHEREAS, Luna Harrison is gifted with the ability to profoundly impact the lives of those privileged enough to be a part of her life. She gets pure satisfaction from helping others. She is without a doubt one of the District of Columbia's finest and a true unsung hero.



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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Luna Harrison Recognition and Celebration Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges the distinguished career of Luna Harrison, and is proud to recognize June 13th as "Luna Harrison Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize and honor the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi for its "Holly Springs Celebrates Civil Rights Days," September 18-22, 2003.

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia are still engaged in a long-running movement to win complete voting rights;

WHEREAS, over the years, many leaders in the movement for District home rule and voting rights were effective because they applied skills and lessons they previously had learned in the State of Mississippi while helping African American residents fight for their voting rights;

WHEREAS, these District leaders include former Mayor Marion Barry, former Councilmember Frank Smith, former Deputy Mayor Ivanhoe Donaldson, journalist Charles Cobb, economic development expert Courtland Cox, community activists Lawrence Guyot, James Forman and many others - all of whom were organizers working with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in and around the City of Holly Springs in Marshall County, Mississippi in the 1960s and beyond;

WHEREAS, from September 18 to 22, 2003, the City of Holly Springs and Rust College -- a historically black college in Holly Springs -- are sponsoring a celebration of the Northern Mississippi Civil Rights Movement;

WHEREAS, taking part in this celebration are Civil Rights Movement veterans from the District of Columbia, Northern Mississippi, and from across America;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia applauds the fact that Rust College, the City of Holly Springs, its Chamber of Commerce and other local institutions wish to remind its residents of the struggles it took to win full voting rights for Mississippi residents;

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WHEREAS the celebration in Holly Springs is also a reminder of the fact that the District of Columbia does not yet have full voting rights; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia hopes some day to achieve what the people of the State of Mississippi have already achieved - complete voting rights for its residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Holly Springs Celebrates Civil Rights Days Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi and expresses its support for "Holly Springs Celebrates Civil Rights Days," to be held during September 18-22, 2003.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately after the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To salute, recognize and honor Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson on the occasion of her retirement after more than 43 years of service.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson began her teaching career with the school systems of Forsyth and Warner Robbins, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson joined the District of Columbia Public Schools and served with distinction at the Charles Hart Junior High School, Martha Winston Educational Center, and later the Chamberlin Senior High School, Phelps Career Center, and Garnet Patterson Middle School;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson continued her pursuit of education and training throughout her career studying both in the United States and abroad at institutions that included St. John's College, the University of the District of Columbia, George Washington University, Trinity College, and Georgetown University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson designed many innovative programs that addressed the professional development of teachers including, the D.C. Teacher Center Grant, and Multicultural Education;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson also designed programs to address the needs of students including the Dial-A-Teacher Homework Hotline, the "World's Largest Math Event", a "Math Counts Competition", National Youth Service Projects and similar programs;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson was elected president of the Washington Teachers Union in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson is a member and is affiliated with the D.C. chapter of the Savannah State College National Alumni Association, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, D.C. Mental Health Association, the Healthy Babies Project, St. Thomas Moore

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Catholic Church, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Rainbow Coalition, and the Benjamin Banneker Association Inc., and has received numerous awards.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Dr. Jimmie Colson Jackson for the valuable contribution she has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize Mr. Moses Lofton for his years of dedicated service and commitment to teaching the children of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton worked as a classroom teacher at Burroughs and Janney Elementary School for 12 years, touching the lives of hundreds of District of Columbia children;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton worked with children of all abilities and skill levels and showed a dedication and interest in the well being of every child that crossed his path;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton's students found him always patient, willing to teach a subject in a lot of ways for all to understand and always encouraging them to always keep trying regardless of the challenges presented by schoolwork;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton showed a deep commitment to working to help students with special needs;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton's students found his use of exciting and enriching teaching techniques, such as the math game, hands-on science and social studies activities, a way of making learning fun and rewarding for all students;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton was the lead teacher introducing the game of chess and the Chess Club to Janney Elementary helping to strengthen logical reasoning and strategic thinking skills for children participating in the activity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton retired from the school district but continues to find ways of helping children in his community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Moses Lofton Recognition Resolution of 2003".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the efforts of Moses Lofton as an educator and mentor.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and celebrate the renovated Educational Organization for United Latin Americans' (EOFULA) Senior Center and EOFULA's 33rd anniversary, and to declare June 25, 2003 as "EOFULA Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 1969, the Educational Organization for United Latin American ("EOFULA") was founded, and is now the oldest Latino community-based organization in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the purpose of EOFULA is to assist District Latinos in overcoming cultural, economic, social, and language barriers;

WHEREAS, EOFULA provides services ranging from counseling, health promotion, and recreation to socialization, transportation and language interpretation;

WHEREAS, over 500 senior citizens ages 60 and older receive these services free of charge every year; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, June 25, '2003, EOFULA commemorates the newly renovated Senior Center at 1842 Calvert Street, N.W., in Ward One and celebrates its 33 years of excellent service.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL of THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be d as the "Educational Organization for United Latin Americans (EOFULA) Day Recognition Resolution of 2003."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the efforts of EOFULA in providing services to the Latino senior community in the District, congratulates EOFULA on 33 years of outstanding and dedicated service, and furthermore declares June 25, 2003 as "Educational Organization for United Latin Americans (EOFULA) Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To salute, recognize and honor the Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral in conjunction to the "Festival Service of the Holy Eucharist in Celebration and Thanksgiving for his Ministry".

WHEREAS, The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter, a third generation clergyman, was elected the sixth Dean of the Washington National Cathedral in November 1991;

WHEREAS, The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter previously served as the administrative dean and associate professor of Pastoral Theology at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, dean and associate professor of Church and Ministry at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, chaplain and professor of Religious Studies at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and also served parishes in Virginia and Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter oversee's the Cathedral Scholars Program that assists students from the District of Columbia Public High Schools to fully realize their academic and social potentials;

WHEREAS, the Cathedral Scholars Program employs the unique and varied resources of the National Cathedral community, especially the National Cathedral School for Girls and the St. Albans School for Boys;

WHEREAS, graduates of the Cathedral Scholars Program have earned numerous academic scholarships to premiere colleges and universities to continue their educational pursuits;

WHEREAS, The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter currently serves on the boards of the Riggs National bank, the Faith and Politics Institute affiliated with the U.S. House of Representatives, and the University of Virginia's Center on Religion and Democracy, along with

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serving as the chair of the Snowden Lecture Fund of the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington and membership of the American Society of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the Urban League, the Epsilon Boule of Sigma Pi Phi, the Union of Black Episcopalians and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Additionally, he is a recipient of the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and a veteran of the U. S. Army having served with distinction in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter has continued to study, teach, lecture and serve as an administrator since his graduation from the Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1976, and his earning a Doctor of Ministry Degree in 1984. He has since received five honorary doctorates, participated with numerous lecture series and endowments named in his honor and appears regularly on nationally broadcast programs; and

WHEREAS, The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter's spirituality, scholarship, administrative ability, and character has led to his national recognition, prominence and excellence as a preacher, theologian, educator, author, husband and parent.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors The Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter for the valuable contribution he has made to the District of Columbia and encourages the community to join in " the "Festival Service of the Holy Eucharist in Celebration and of Thanksgiving for the ministry of the Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter".

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize and honor Ms. Leas Espinoza on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and to declare June 21, 2003 as "Leas Espinoza Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Leas Espinoza has been a kind and warm light in the Kelsey senior community for many others to find and follow;

WHEREAS, Leas Espinoza is a remarkable example of living history in the Nation's Capital, and therefore a treasure;

WHEREAS, Leas Espinoza has personally witnessed and participated in some of this country's most important moments;

WHEREAS, Leas Espinoza has been loved by the Ward One Kelsey senior community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Leas Espinoza has recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with style and grace.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Leas Espinoza Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Leas Espinoza for reaching this wonderful hallmark while living in the District, and declares June 21, 2003 as "Leas Espinoza Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor the Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church (formerly Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church) in celebration of their 120th anniversary; to commemorate 10 years of spiritual guidance of Reverend Dr. Henry Y. White; to recognize the Brown Memorial A.M.E. Church for its unwavering support to the community over the past 20 years to our residents; recognize its rich history; and to declare Sunday, June 29, 2003, as "Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mt. Sinai African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in the year 1883;

WHEREAS, Mt. Sinai African Methodist Episcopal Church's name changed to Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church under the spiritual guidance of Bishop J.B. Brown and the Reverend Lee, who was then the elder;

WHEREAS, Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church is the nearest A.M.E. church in the Nation's Capital, in which 21 pastors have served over the years;

WHEREAS, Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church was the first A.M.E. church in the District to use women as members of the Steward and Trustees Board; and

WHEREAS, the current shepherd of Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Reverend Dr. Henry White, is leading the charge to rehabilitate the Church-owned town houses named the Project Nehemiah.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church Day in the District of Columbia Recognition Resolution of 2003".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church's observation of its 120th Anniversary and declares June 29, "Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To celebrate the Brevard and Sanders Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, the Brevard and Sanders families are descendants of Amanda Brevard-Sanders, who was born a slave in 1841 in South Carolina;

WHEREAS, Amanda met and married July Brevard, and from this union, four children were born: John, Isaac, Rachel and Ella;

WHEREAS, after the passing of July Brevard, Amanda met and married Ned Sanders and, from this second union, seven children were born: Van, Ben, Dave, Sam, Tucker, Marie and Katie;

WHEREAS, in August of 1973 at Rock Hill Baptist Church in Fairfield County, South Carolina during the Annual Homecoming church revival, George (Monkeydo) Sanders, Nannie Thompson, George (Connie) Sanders, and Gerald and Margaret Brevard began discussing how they only come together during homecoming or the funeral of a family member and decided to create the Brevard and Sanders Family Reunion;

WHEREAS, the first Brevard and Sanders Family Reunion was hosted in Washington, D.C., in September of 1974, and, subsequently, in 1976 and 1977;

WHEREAS, the Brevard and Sanders Family Reunion was held in South Carolina in 1975 and 1978 and later hosted in Connecticut and Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia will be the host city for the Brevard and Sanders Family Reunion in July of 2003, and the theme will be "A Celebration of Family Spirit and Unity";

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WHEREAS, Frances Sanders, widow of Dave Sanders Jr., and matriarch of the family, has been a resident of Ward 4 since 1970, presently residing at 5<sup>th</sup> and Decatur Streets, N.W., in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Bertha Sanders, widow of George Sanders and matriarch of the family, resides in Great Falls, South Carolina.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Brevard and Sanders Family Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends the Brevard and Sanders families for beginning and continuing their tradition of reuniting the two families together year after year and for choosing Washington, D.C. to host their reunion again.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize the work of Sekita Ekrek in attracting feature film, television, and commercial production to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sekita Ekrek is a long time resident of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Sekita has over 14 years experience working in the fields of marketing and public relations and is considered to be one of the most dedicated and creative persons in the nation's capital;

WHEREAS, the District has reaped vast rewards from Sekita's knowledge of the intricacies of marketing, public relations, advertising, media relations, and corporate communications on both a national and international level;

WHEREAS, Sekita oversees creation, execution, and promotion campaigns for about 200 film releases annually in the District, a leading U.S. film market;

WHEREAS, Sekita works diligently to ensure that the District is the chosen venue for major film premieres, such as "Black Hawk Down", "Windtalkers", "We Were Soldiers", "The Sum of All Fears", and "Enemy of the State";

WHEREAS, Sekita's tireless efforts have allowed the District to see a dramatic increase in the number of film premieres held here;

WHEREAS, Sekita has been instrumental in helping the District become the third leading U.S. location for national and world film premieres;

WHEREAS, Sekita assisted in building Allied Advertising, a \$35 million agency specializing in film, public relations, and advertising to become the premier agency in the District;



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WHEREAS, their clients include Warner Bros., Sony, Disney, Touchstone, Miramax, Paramount, Universal, DreamWorks, New Line Cinema, Fox Searchlight, MGM, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, and AOL Time Warner; and

WHEREAS, Sekita also contributes to the development of the film and video community by serving as an advisor to the Women In Film and Video, the Government of the District of Columbia, Filmfest DC, International Film Festival, and the American Film Institute.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sekita Ekrek Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the efforts of Sekita Ekrek as a developer in the District's film and television development.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize Herbert Leonard, Jr., for his numerous contributions to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and to Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, Herbert Leonard, Jr., is retiring after 30 years of service as the Government Relations Officer of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

WHEREAS, Herbert Leonard, Jr., has shown exceptional leadership as the legislative liaison between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the Executive and Legislative branches of the District of Columbia government since May 14, 1973;

WHEREAS, Herbert Leonard, Jr., has coordinated all Metro related transportation projects with all four Mayors of the District of Columbia and with all Councilmembers, beginning with the original Council of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Herbert Leonard, Jr., has been a dedicated employee of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority since the very beginning stages of the planning and operations of the Metro System;

WHEREAS, Herbert Leonard, Jr.'s hard work and his ability to merge differing ideas and resolve conflicts has significantly contributed to the successes of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

WHEREAS, under Herbert Leonard, Jr.'s leadership, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has substantially and successfully altered the urban development of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Metrobus and Metrorail system has evolved into a 103 mile system that carries 1.2 million passengers daily; and

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WHEREAS, Herbert Leonard Jr.'s ability to involve the area communities in the planning of the District's transportation infrastructure serves as an example for other civil servants to follow.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Herbert Leonard, Jr., Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes Herbert Leonard, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and for his contributions to the District of Columbia and to the United States.

Sec. 3. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Herbert Leonard, Jr.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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July 8, 2003

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia's National Women's Football Association team, the D.C. Divas, on their success so far this season.

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2001, the D.C. Divas began playing women's tackle football as a team in the National Women's Football Association (NWFA);

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas maintain their regular jobs because playing women's tackle football currently does not provide monetary compensation;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas' team roster includes doctors, lawyers, police officers, teachers, engineers, mechanics and other professions;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas' players have various athletic backgrounds and include rugby players, flag football players, divers, swimmers, runners, and volleyball players;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas have volunteered at events such as assisting at the Washington, D.C., and Marine Corp Marathons, speaking at local elementary schools, as well as appearing on local radio and sports shows in the Washington, D.C. area;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas, now in their third season, compiled a record of eight wins and one loss during the 2003 regular season;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas are currently playing in the National Women's Football Association's single-elimination playoffs;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas won their first playoff game against the Connecticut Crush by a score of seventy-seven to zero;

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WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas will next face the Philadelphia Burn on July 12, and have a chance to play for the National Championship in Nashville, Tennessee on August 2;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Divas on their website, "www.dcdivas.com," states that they are making sure people know that women can play tack football; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia, on behalf of the residents it represents, wishes the D.C. Divas a successful completion to their 2003 season that will hopefully include a national championship.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "D.C. Divas Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the achievements of the D.C. Divas' football players, coaches and supporters.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

15-103

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize the positive contributions that the Les Halles Cup will have on the youth of the District of Columbia, and to declare July 26, 2003 as "Les Halles Cup Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Les Halles Cup is an annual tennis tournament held in Miami for international boys and girls juniors under 14 years old;

WHEREAS, the Les Halles Cup is this year expanding to include youth qualifiers from Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Legg Mason Tennis Classic presented by Comcast, the men's professional tennis tournament held in Rock Creek Park since 1969, will host the Les Halles Cup during this year's tournament to be held July 26-August 3 at the William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center in Northwest Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation is the owner and beneficiary of this prestigious Washington summer event;

WHEREAS, the objective of the Les Halles Cup is to inspire the love and excitement of tennis in youth, through their participation in an official international tournament event;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia has worked tirelessly to expand opportunities for the youth of this city;

WHEREAS, the Les Halles Cup will give Washington, D.C., youth the opportunity to compete with youth from around the world;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Washington, D.C., in the Les Halles Cup represents a unique chance for this great city to be showcased on an international scale; and

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WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes that supporting and promoting the youth of this city is a key to the District's continued success and prosperity.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Les Halles Cup Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia wishes the best of luck to all those who participate and declares July 26, 2003 as "Les Halles Cup Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

15-104

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 8, 2003

To recognize the positive contributions that Timberlake's restaurant has made to the community.

WHEREAS, Timberlake's Restaurant, on Connecticut Avenue in the District of Columbia, is in its 25<sup>th</sup> successful year of operation;

WHEREAS, Timberlake's is both a prominent local establishment and a welcoming beacon to visitors from across the United States and the globe;

WHEREAS, the proprietor of Timberlake's, Bill Timberlake, has made civic and charitable contributions to the District;

WHEREAS, Bill Timberlake created the Bartender's Ball, a prominent charity established to recognize the positive contributions the restaurant and bar industry can make to the community; and

WHEREAS, Timberlake's has been the location of numerous charitable events to benefit individuals and causes that reflect the needs of the neighborhood.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Timberlake's Restaurant Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the efforts of Timberlake's Restaurant and Bill Timberlake.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.